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NEW BUS SERVICE BEGINS BETWEEN NASHUA AND BOSTON \$4 MILLION PROJECT IS PRIVATE/PUBLIC PARTNERSHIP

Calling it the "the first step in expanding the mass transit options in southern New Hampshire", Governor John Lynch is hailing a new bus service offering nine trips daily between Nashua and Boston made possible by a private/public partnership.

The new commuter bus service by Boston Express, a division of Concord Trailways, began today (2/13) at 5:45 am with departures along the Everett Turnpike from the Exit 8 park and ride and the Exit 6 Welcome Center en route to Boston. One-way tickets are being sold at an introductory rate of \$5 to South Station and \$7 to Logan Airport.

Most of the funding for the \$4 million project was secured by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation's Rail and Transit Bureau through the Federal Highway Administration's Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ). Capital costs included the purchase of four new buses, building modifications at the Nashua Welcome Center, signage and marketing.

In a ceremony kicking off the new bus service, US Senator John Sununu said "it is critical that this bus service succeeds in the long run" in helping to reduce traffic congestion and air pollution.

For Boston Express schedules and bus fares, call 1-800-639-8080 or visit the company website at www.bostonexpressbus.com.